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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF POLL WORKER TRAINING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-249 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Before each election, the municipal clerk, registrars of voters,
4 certified moderator and certified mechanic shall instruct the election
5 officials. Any provision of the general statutes or of any special act to
6 the contrary notwithstanding, election officials shall be appointed at
7 least twenty days before the election except as provided in section 9-
8 229. The clerk, registrars, certified moderator and certified mechanic
9 shall instruct each election official who is to serve in a voting district in
10 which a voting machine is to be used in the use of the machine and his
11 duties in connection therewith, and for the purpose of giving such
12 instruction, such instructors shall call such meeting or meetings of the
13 election officials as are necessary. Such instructors shall, without delay,
14 file a report in the office of the municipal clerk, stating that they have
15 instructed the election officials named in the report and the time and

16 place where such instruction was given. The election officials of such
 17 voting districts shall attend such meeting or meetings as are called for
 18 the purpose of receiving such instructions concerning their duties as
 19 are necessary for the proper conduct of the election. The registrars of
 20 voters of each municipality in an election shall submit a certificate to
 21 the Secretary of the State, on a form prescribed by the Secretary, in
 22 which they certify that each election official has attended such
 23 meetings for such instruction before the day of the election and
 24 reviewed any and all materials provided by the Secretary of the State
 25 with regard to such election. Each election official who qualifies for
 26 and serves in the election shall be paid not less than one dollar for the
 27 time spent in receiving such instruction, in the same manner and at the
 28 same time as he is paid for his services on election day. No election
 29 official shall serve in any election at which a voting machine is used
 30 unless he has received such instruction and is fully qualified to
 31 perform his duties in connection with the machine, but this shall not
 32 prevent the appointment of an election official to fill a vacancy in an
 33 emergency.

34 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 9-436 of the general statutes is
 35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 36 *passage*):

37 (d) The registrar shall appoint from among the enrolled party
 38 members in the municipality or political subdivision holding the
 39 primary, as the case may be, to serve in each polling place, the primary
 40 polling place officials, who shall consist of one moderator, two
 41 checkers, not more than two challengers if he deems it necessary, and
 42 at least one and not more than two voting machine tenders for each
 43 machine in use at such primary and, in towns with two or more voting
 44 districts at least one and not more than two assistant registrars,
 45 provided (1) in the case of a political subdivision holding a primary, if
 46 no enrolled party member who resides in the political subdivision and
 47 who is a certified moderator consents to serve as a moderator, the
 48 registrar may appoint any enrolled party member who resides in the

49 municipality and is a certified moderator to be moderator, (2) in the
50 case of either a municipality or a political subdivision holding a
51 primary, if no enrolled party member can be found or no such person
52 consents to serve as a moderator, the registrar may appoint any elector
53 who resides in the municipality and is a certified moderator to be
54 moderator, (3) in the case of a political subdivision holding a primary,
55 if an insufficient number of enrolled party members who reside in the
56 political subdivision consent to serve as checkers, challengers, voting
57 machine tenders or assistant registrars, the registrar may appoint any
58 enrolled party member who resides in the municipality to be a checker,
59 challenger, voting machine tender or assistant registrar and (4) in the
60 case of either a municipality or a political subdivision holding a
61 primary, if a sufficient number of enrolled party members cannot be
62 found or do not consent to serve in a position described in subdivision
63 (3) of this subsection, the registrar may appoint any elector who
64 resides in the municipality to any such position. If unaffiliated electors
65 are authorized under section 9-431 to vote for some but not all of the
66 offices to be contested at the primary, the registrar shall appoint two
67 additional checkers to check the list of unaffiliated electors who are
68 authorized to vote on the separate machines. If unaffiliated electors are
69 authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two
70 parties in the same polling place, whether for some or for all offices to
71 be contested at the primary, each such registrar shall appoint two
72 additional checkers to check the list of unaffiliated electors who are
73 authorized to vote in either such primary. Any such officials appointed
74 shall attend instructional meetings as necessary for the proper conduct
75 of the primary and the registrar of the party conducting the primary
76 shall file the certification of such instructional meetings as required
77 pursuant to section 9-249, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-249
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-436(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that each election official attends training before the day of an election and reviews all relevant materials.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]